REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 stand in the present application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shur et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's § 102 rejection of the claims.

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites Shur et al. at column 4, line 56 through column 5, line 20 for teaching "generating a plurality of media modules each having a second data structure and comprising media oriented data necessary for a user to receive a respective media stream of said plurality of media stream connections of the media session, said data including a network address for the respective stream connection" as required in all of present claims 1-13. However, the actual portion of Shur et al. cited by the Examiner states:

> When, at step 407, the user of the client browses the page and requests a session indicated by a URL, at step 408, server 206 returns a page containing details of the session and buttons enabling the client to request the session to start, as well as other functions to be described later herein. At step 409, the client starts a selected session (or specific media in the session) by "pressing" a button on the HTML page. The server 206 then launches a control script 207. At step 410, the control script 207 sends a response to the client containing information about which multimedia tool to launch, and what UDP sockets (the Unicast IP address on the MUS and associated ports) to listen to and to send information to corresponding to the requested group. It can be assumed that at least one socket is used. A second socket may be used to send control/status information from each member of the Multicast group. At step 411, the same control script 207 of server 206 causes the Multicast-to-Unicast gateway to join the requested-for Multicast group and adds the requesting client to the list of receivers for the

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requested for Multicast group. For each requesting client, server 206 also converts the address of the Multicast IP packets of the requested-for group to the Unicast IP address of the requesting client, and sends the Unicast IP packets to the requesting client using the well-known User Datagram Protocol (UDP). Server 206 also transmits any packets it receives from the client to any other Unicast client on that Multicast group, as well as to the Multicast group address itself on the IP Multicast network 101. At step 412, when the client exits from the multimedia tool, server 206 detects that status messages from the client are no longer being sent and removes the client from the list of destinations for the particular Multicast group. (Emphasis supplied.)

Thus, Shur et al. does not teach or suggest providing a network address for the respective stream connection, but rather instead provides control script 207 in step 410 as described above and as shown in Fig. 4 of the cited reference. The control script is also described in Shur et al. as a series of test packets that are sent to the client (i.e., user). See, for example, col. 7, lines 29-38 and Fig. 7A at step 710.

Accordingly, Shur et al. does not teach or suggest the above-described feature of Applicants' invention which is present in all of claims 1-13. Therefore, claims 1-5 and 7-13 are believed to patentably define over Shur et al.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shur et al. in view of Kumar. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's § 103 rejection of these claims.

The Examiner has only cited Kumar for teaching that the participation in conferences can be limited for security and monetary purposes. Accordingly, it should be clear that Kumar does not overcome the deficiency noted above with respect to Shur et al. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are believed to patentably define over the cited references taken either singly or in combination.
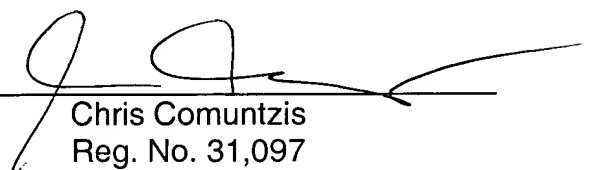
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Therefore, in view of the above remarks it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 1-13, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

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